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X. BASIC INTELLIGENCE

1. The National Intelligence Surveys (NIS) program, which was begun in 1948 as an interdepartmental cooperative venture, was designed to meet the requirements of the US Government for encyclopedic factual intelligence on a world-wide basis. Since the NIS program was begun 2,230 individual sections have been produced on 72 of the 108 NIS areas, which is the equivalent of approximately 36 complete NIS. Of this number 1,742 sections have been published, and an additional 207 sections are in printing process. During FY 1954 there was substantial attainment of the production goal of 8 equivalent NIS per year, which was established by the JCS. It is expected that this rate of production will be continued in FY 1955, and production schedules for the various contributors have been established accordingly.

2. NIS production is scheduled in accordance with JCS priorities and intelligence agency capabilities. NIS production on the group of 19 areas and 4 ocean areas of highest priority is approximately 75% complete, a gain of 20% during FY 1954, whereas the entire program is about 40% complete. Present emphasis is being directed towards the maintenance program and the production of Chapter I (Brief), the first of which was produced in June of this year.

3. In a survey conducted by the NIS Committee the replies received from users at all levels show that the NIS is considered to be of good quality on the whole, and that the NIS generally fulfills the basic intelligence requirements of the users on the areas for which published elements are now available. Completion of NIS on all areas at the earliest possible date was urged by many users, particularly by those in higher command levels. Coordination within and between all IAC and non-IAC agencies engaged in the NIS program is excellent and suitable liaison is maintained with the JCS.

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